

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of such illustrious Show-Me State leaders as Dr. Robert H. Spence, President of Evangel University in Springfield; and

Whereas, Dr. Robert Spence began fulfilling his duties and responsibilities as President of Evangel University on May 1, 1974, since which time he has accrued thirty years of exceptional service to become the longest-tenured college president in the state of Missouri and one of the longest-serving college presidents anywhere in the United States; and

Whereas, Dr. Spence enhanced his already significant record of achievement on January 30, 2004, when he was named Springfieldian of the Year by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce before a crowd of more than 950 business and community leaders, colleagues, friends, and family members; and

Whereas, Dr. Spence was chosen as Springfieldian of the Year in light of three decades of stellar community leadership which has included service on the Boards of more than fifteen community and business organizations such as City Utilities, Cox Health Systems, the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America Ozarks Council, Community Blood Center, Empire Bank, Greene County Association for Retarded Children, Partnership Industrial Center, Sterling Trust, and Village Bank, among others; and

Whereas, an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, Dr. Robert Spence pastored several churches before becoming President of Evangel University thirty years ago; and

Whereas, justifiably proud of his accomplishments as a family man, Dr. Robert Spence is the beloved husband of Anne, the loving father of three married sons who graduated from Evangel, and the devoted grandfather of six wonderful children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Robert Spence as the 2004 Springfieldian of the Year by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as he observes his Thirtieth Year as President of Evangel University; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dr. Robert H. Spence of Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker